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RCE
PATENT
Docket No. 015916-261

Applicant: Bencini
Serial No.: 09/548,465
Filing Date: April 13, 2000
Title: Steerable Device For
Introducing Diagnostic And Therapeutic
Apparatus Into The Body
Group Art Unit: 3763
Examiner: Sirmons

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

Sir:

Applicant hereby requests Continued Examination of the above-identified application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. Previously submitted
 - i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
 - ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
 - iii. Other _____
- b. Enclosed
 - i. Amendment/Reply
 - ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - iv. Petition For Extension of Time

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2. Miscellaneous

- a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required.)
- b. Other _____

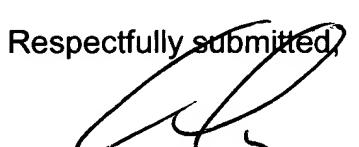
3. Fees

- a. The commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the following fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-0638
 - i. RCE Fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
 - ii. Extension of Time Fee under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17
 - iii. Other _____
- b. Checks in the amount of \$790 and \$120 are enclosed
- c. Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0638. Should such fees be associated with an extension of time, applicant respectfully requests that this paper be considered a petition therefor.

5/12/05
Date

Respectfully submitted,


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